

Subject: Collaborating in Our Shared Vision
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Dear Friends,

As a reminder, March 7th is the Primary Election in the City and County of Los Angeles. To find your polling location, click [here](#) or call the Los Angeles City Clerk's Election Office at (213) 485-2121.

Respectfully,

PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Our Fight to #SaveOurSeniors Continues

On Valentine's Day, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved Councilmember Koretz's motion directing the Housing and Community Investment Department to report back in two weeks on making a determination as to whether the Westwood Horizons should be designated as a Residential Hotel. Designating the property as a Residential Hotel would make the property ineligible for Ellis Act evictions and lead to the development of an alternative game plan for achieving a much-needed renovation of the building. About a dozen senior residents and their children attended the meeting to voice their support. Meanwhile, on February 22nd, the Councilman was proud to join nearly 30 residents and their children in front of the Kayne Anderson building, in Century City, protesting the wrongful evictions. Since early December, he has been and will continue to stand with our senior residents.



LA City Council Discuss Sidewalk Vending

Earlier this month, the City Council addressed an issue that continues to be highly contentious – sidewalk vending. Councilmembers held a thoughtful conversation over where and how sidewalk vending should be allowed. Councilmember Koretz has heard from a number of constituents and stakeholders who have, on numerous occasions, voiced their opposition to street vending. The Councilmember is in favor of a fair and orderly process in which neighborhoods desiring street vending can opt-in. After agreeing to a number of amendments, the City Council instructed the City Attorney to draft a new ordinance for final approval in the coming months.



More Traffic Relief has Arrived

Navigating our streets can be challenging especially during peak hours. In his ongoing efforts to find solutions to help with congestion on our City streets, the Councilman provided additional funds for traffic officers during the evening rush hours, Mondays through Fridays, at Wilshire Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard for the next 30 days. About a month ago, the Councilman funded officers on Mulholland Drive. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, in the evenings, the LA Department of Transportation officers are at Beverly Glen. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, at night, an officer will be located at Nicada. Five days a week, in Encino, an officer has been posted at Sepulveda and Ventura Boulevards. Please keep an eye out for the officer as you travel safely to and from your home.



Creating Safer Streets for All

The Councilman prioritizes safety for all ♦ bikers, pedestrians, transit riders, and motorists. When community members voiced their concerns about La Brea and Rosewood, Koretz took action. He introduced a motion requesting the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a study to determine if the intersection qualified for a traffic signal. DOT confirmed the Councilman♦s belief that a signal would greatly improve protections for all as many individuals and families utilize this location because of nearby banks, shops, religious, and learning institutions. The Councilman secured money for the signal. A big thank you to the neighborhood council, community leader Howard Winkiler, Rabbi Henig of Kollel Yechiel Yehuda, Toras Emes and the Jewish Learning Exchange for testifying at the City Council meeting.



Celebrating the First Bike Corral in Palms

The Councilmember joined the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and community members to install the first bike corral on Motor Avenue in Palms. A bicycle corral is an on-street bicycle parking facility that can accommodate up to 16 bicycles in the same area as a single vehicle parking space. Koretz was pleased to support the effort.



Koretz, City Department, and Business Roll Out New EV Charging Station at Rancho Park

The next time you visit Rancho Park Golf Course, you will notice something different, at least for the next few weeks. The Councilmember joined The Department of Recreation and Parks and Envision Solar International, Inc. to unveil a portable, solar-powered EV charging and disaster preparedness system at Rancho Park Golf Course. Councilmember Koretz championed the pilot program. The Electric Vehicle Autonomous Renewable Charger (EV



ARC♦ is the world♦s only transportable, solar-powered electric vehicle charging station. The EV ARC♦ fits inside a standard parking space and works with any quality EV charger or service provider. It generates enough clean, solar electricity to power up to 150 miles of EV driving each day. The energy is stored in the EV ARC♦ product♦s energy storage for charging day or night or for use by first responders during grid outages. It will remain parked at Rancho Park Golf Course for one month to allow free EV charging.

Team Clean Up, Green Up Beautifying Our Neighborhoods

Councilmember Koretz has partnered with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps♦ to keep our neighborhoods clean and green. The Corps♦ Clean Up Green Up team spent a day clearing up the street on Louise Avenue and Oxnard Street in Encino. Thanks to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for keeping our streets safe, clean and green.



Stop Signs Installed to Slow Down Motorists

Recently, all way stops were installed at Citrus Avenue and 1st Street and Citrus Avenue and 2nd Street. Residents have called the Council District office concerned over cars speeding through their neighborhood. District Director John Darnell worked with community members and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to prioritize the project. The Councilman has been able to expedite the installation at a number of intersections in the District in his continuing efforts to ensure safety for all.



OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Welcome to Westwood!



Thanks to Sweetfin Poke for choosing Council District 5 for its newest location. Let♦s support our local businesses.

Paving the Way for a Safer Thoroughfare



The Councilman joined members of the Palms Neighborhood Council to thank the Bureau of Street Services for beginning work on repaving the alley behind the Motor Avenue United States Post Office.

And the Winner is!



Councilmember Koretz, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Great Streets, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, and community members celebrated the selection of Robertson Boulevard as a recipient of the Mayor's Great Streets Challenge.

Creating Safer Streets for All



Westwood community members are celebrating a new mid-block signal on Westwood Boulevard. The Councilman joined the Westwood Village Improvement Association, the Mayor's Great Streets Team and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation on February 23 as crews activated the light.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

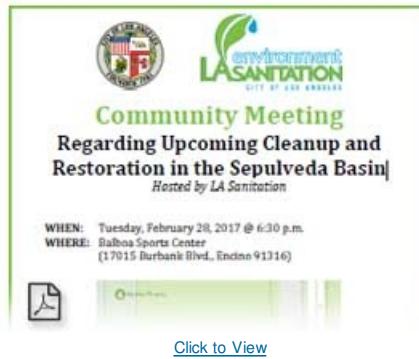
Activating a Stop Light in Council District 5

In partnership with community members and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Councilmember activated a stoplight at Pico Avenue and Wooster Street. [Check out the video.](#)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Community Meeting Regarding Upcoming Cleanup and

Restoration in the Sepulveda Basin



Los Angeles Sanitation is hosting a community meeting on February 28th regarding the upcoming cleanup and restoration in the Sepulveda Basin. If you are interested in learning more about their efforts, the Councilman urges your attendance.

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